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1. SEVERAL GREEK LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS DECEMBER 20 CARRY SIMILAR STORIES FILED FROM NICOSIA WHICH QUOTE "WELL-INFORMED SOURCES" AND/OR "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES" AS AFFIRMING THAT PRESIDENT MAKARIOS' OBSERVATION, MADE IN THE COURSE OF A RECENT NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW (REFTEL, THA THE USG FOR SOME TIME NOW HAS BEEN SHOWING AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN FINDING AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, CORRESPONDS TO REALITY. KATHIMERINI (PRO-GOVERNMENT), IN REPORTING THIS, ADDED THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE RECENT BRUSSELS MEETING SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD INITIATED EFFORTS GEARED AT MAKING RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS POSSIBLE ON THE BASIS OF THE RECENT UNGA RESOLUTION, AND THAT HE HAD "WORKED ASSIDUOUSLY" TOWARDS THAT END.

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 $2.\ TO\ VIMA\ (LIBERAL,\ OPPOSITION), IN ITS STORY,\ ADDED\ THE$

COMMENT THAT THE AMERICAN INTIIATIVE IS LIMITED SIMPLY TO THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE PROPOSALS FOR ANY PARTICULAR SOLUTION. TA NEA (LIBERAL, OPPOSITION) AND ATHINAIKI (LEFT- OF-CENTER) ALSO GIVE BRIEF COVERAGE TO THE SAME STORY ALONG SIMILAR LINES WITH HE FORMER CHARACTERIZING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ACTIVITY IN BRUSSELS AS "INTENSIVE." KUBISCH

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